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In re Application of  
James G. Retzlaff and Scott T. Franson

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IMPROVED COVER PLATE FOR CONCEALED SPRINKLER

Group Art Unit  
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Examiner  
Christopher S. Kim

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, October 17, 2003, rejecting the following claims: 7, 8, 35, 36, 48-51, 54, and 55.

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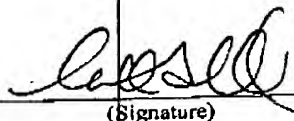
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